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ASSOCIATION: AFGHAN PARTICIPATION

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1. FOR ATTENDANCE AT THE AUGUST 28-SEPTEMBER 4
CONFERENCE IN HAWAII, THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN
(GOA) HAS NOMINATED DR. ASAD HASSAN GOBER, AND DR.
SAYED ALIFSHAH GHAZANFAR.

2. DR. GOBER HAS AN M.D. FROM KABUL UNIVERSITY, AND
A DOCTORATE OF PSYCHIATRIC MEDICINE FROM LONDON GROVE
HOSPITAL IN LONDON. HE IS A PROFESSOR OF NEUROPSY-
CHIATRY AT KABUL UNIVERSITY, A CLINICAL RESEARCHER
FOR DRUG ABUSE CASES AT THE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER,
A MEMBER OF THE EDITORIAL BOARD FOR THE AFGHAN MEDICAL
JOURNAL, AND THE AUTHOR OF NUMEROUS MEDICAL PUBLICA-
TIONS, INCLUDING "DRUG ABUSE IN AFGHANISTAN," WHICH
WAS PUBLISHED IN THE "BULLETIN ON NARCOTICS" (VOL
XXVII, NO. 2). DR. GOBER HAS ALSO STUDIED AT JOHNS
HOPKINS UNIVERSITY'S HENRY PHIPPS PSYCHIATRIC
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3. DR. GHAZANFAR IS PRESIDENT OF AVICENNA
PHARMACEUTICAL INSTITUTE (THE GOA EQUIVALENT
OF THE U.S. FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION), AND
IS AN ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF BIOCHEMISTRY AND
BIOPHYSICS AT KABUL UNIVERSITY. HE HAS AN M.D.
FROM THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN BEIRUT, AND WAS
IN RESIDENCE AT HARVARD FROM 1960-62 IN THE

SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES. HE IS THE PRINCIPAL AUTHOR OF THE RECENTLY ENACTED (MAY 15, 1977) GENERIC DRUG LAW, AND HE HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONTROLLING THE IMPORTATION, PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTION, AND DISPENSING OF ALL LEGITIMATE DRUGS AND NARCOTICS IN AFGHANISTAN.

4. BOTH CANDIDATES SPEAK FLUENT ENGLISH AND ARE INVOLVED IN THE GOA POLICY FORMULATION AND IMPLEMENTATION AS IT RELATES TO DEMAND REDUCTION. THE EMBASSY HAS INTERVIEWED EACH NOMINEE AND BELIEVES THEY FULLY MEET THE REQUIREMENTS AS OUTLINED IN REF C, AND THAT THEY ARE THE MOST HIGHLY QUALIFIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AVAILABLE. WE BELIEVE FURTHER THAT PARTICIPATION IN THIS CONFERENCE BY THESE NOMINEES WOULD BENEFIT NOT ONLY THEM, BUT WOULD SERVE TO ADVANCE OUR OWN INTERESTS IN CONTROLLING NARCOTICS PRODUCTION IN AFGHANISTAN. THEREFORE, WE URGE S/NM APPROVAL OF THESE CANDIDATES, AND WE REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS FOR ISSUANCE OF TRAVEL FUNDS. PLEASE ADVISE ALSO REGARDING THE LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE IN HONOLULU. BECAUSE OF THE DIFFICULTY IN MAKING TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS HERE, THIS INFORMATION IS NEEDED URGENTLY.

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